

The Rochester Philatelic Association, Inc
HINGES & TONGS

MEETINGS ARE HELD 2ND & 4TH THURSDAYS SEPT.-JUNE AT ST. PAULS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

TRADING & TALKING 7PM FORMAL PROGRAM 8PM

NOV. - DEC.

editor
Joseph K. Doles

1996



NOVEMBER 14

Special guest speaker

Ann Triggie "Muscat"

Be sure to make a special effort to attend this meeting. How many of you know the history of Muscat, yet alone the philately and postal history behind it? Ann may also report on her recent trip to the international show in Istanbul as a FIP delegate representing all American collectors.

ONE PAGE EXHIBIT COMPETITION- ANY SUBJECT

NOVEMBER 28 NO MEETING

Happy Thanksgiving

Christmas Party

one page exhibit
competition

"The Holiday Season"

IF TIME ALLOWS, TOM FORTUNATO WILL DISCUSS EXHIBITING BASICS

ONLY ONE MEETING IN DECEMBER



MEMBERS

RPA is pleased to welcome two new members to the group:

Catharine Updegraff of Rochester and **Bill Guiffre** of Avon.

Do say "Hello" when you see them at a meeting and be sure to get acquainted.

Our good wishes go to **Joe Pal** who was in the hospital, and to **Ada Prill** who is looking for better health.

Have you seen these members? They have not responded to renewal notices sent out. John A. Ayers, Ronald F. Amberger, Paul G. Denninger, Joseph W. Gorsuch, Peter Jehrio, Mildred McGraw, Robert P. Meegan, James A. Sands, Harry C. Savage and Fred Vanderlinde. If you talk to any of these members please let them know we would sure like to hear from them.

From the desk of the **President:**

Recently the executive board of the RPA discussed some changes to the constitution which are designed to bring us up to current practice and change the election of officers to be more open to our current needs. The board approved these changes for presentation to the membership for a vote that will take place at the meeting, February 20, 1997. During the November and December meetings these changes may be discussed and other changes suggested. For the voting process we will be able to vote for the board's proposal or for any other that is presented in writing to the editor of the Hinges & Tongs by JAN 1, 1997. These will be printed in the Jan-Feb issue of the Hinges & Tongs and along with this issue a ballot with directions for the vote will go out to each member. During the January meetings and that of Feb 13 only those proposals printed in the Hinges & Tongs will be discussed.

The first change relates to the office of president. Under the current constitution the president is elected for a term of one year and may not be elected to a second consecutive term. The current president may come back to run for that office again one year after completing his term but may not hold the office for consecutive terms. It is my belief that this office is best served by a kind of person who can follow what might have what I call managerial or leadership skills. At present not all members possess these skills and over the years the club suffers when a good leader must step down thereby losing his leadership. Some fear seems to be centered around the idea that if a person is allowed to be re-elected, the possibility of a dynasty-like term will develop similar to the Franklin D. Roosevelt presidency. As far as I am concerned, I would rather have a good leader who can manage the club business and get the job done than elect someone because he/she represents "new blood". If members have suggestions to make the club better, there is no constitutional barrier for them to voice their opinions at any meeting. Such an idea need not come from the president. In the current climate of "government" control and regulations I want the freedom to choose the person I believe can best handle the job even if it means allowing that person to serve consecutive terms.

What follows is a copy of the parts of the Constitution that are being looked at and the changes being discussed by the Board.

ARTICLE IV: Officers & Duties

Section 1. The Officers of the RPA shall be:

a) President, who shall not succeed himself or herself unless he or she has not held the office for a complete term. The President shall preside at all meetings of the RPA and perform all duties usually associated with that office. All necessary committee, except the Auditing Committee, shall be appointed by the President, with advice of the Board of Governors. The President shall serve as a member ex-officio of all such committees appointed.

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ARTICLE V: Board of Governors & Duties

Section 1. The Board of Governors of the RPA consists of the yearly elected RPA Officers, three elected Governors-at-Large, and the immediate Past RPA President who serves one year only. The three Governors-at-Large shall be elected yearly and serve a three-year term, in such a manner that one Governor-at-large is elected each year. If more than one Governor-at-Large is to be elected during a year, one will serve a three-year term, the second will serve a two-year term, and the third will serve a one-year term, as necessary.

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Section 5. The Board of Governors shall appoint an Auditing Committee which will report their finding to the membership at the Annual Business Meeting. The Auditing Committee of three (3) members, made up of RPA members, excluding elected Officials and Governors-at-Large, will examine and audit the accounts of the Treasurer at the RPA meeting prior to the Annual Business Meeting in June.

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Another note from the desk of the: President:

At a recent board meeting, we discussed the "rules" under which we operate the program meetings and especially the topic of the silent auction. We have been experiencing some irregularities which lead to the possibilities that fewer lots will be offered for sale and fewer persons will want to purchase. This would not be good for the club. While some of these may have been done by those members who are new to the club, some have been observed to be the fault of older members. We shall be producing a "new member" informational handout to take care of part of the problem and I shall have to remind everyone of the "rules". In particular however there is one rule I want to stress now: There is to be NO FOOD OR DRINK at the tables before or during the meeting. This is to safeguard the philatelic and catalogue material which might at some time occupy space at the table.

Volumes 1B and 2 of the club's 1997 Scott Catalogues have disappeared. No matter where you might find them please see that they are returned. No questions will be asked. Only older catalogues, never the most current, may be taken out of the meeting.

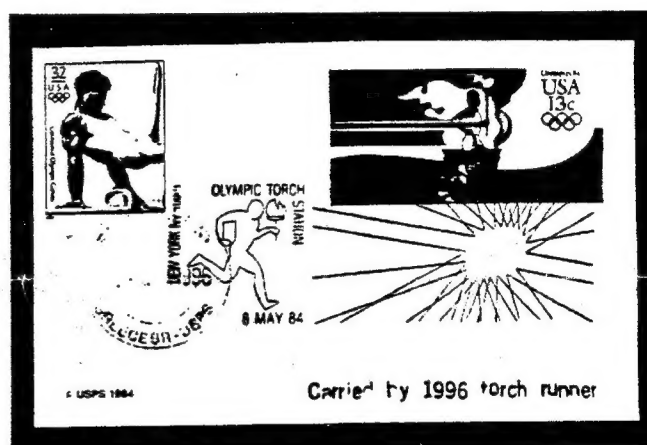
All materials from the library are to be signed out. See the librarian, Joe Doles or an appointed person in Joe's absence.

MALL WRAP UP

Many thanks to all the RPA members who participated in the RPA's National Stamp Collecting Month celebration October 26 at Eastview Mall. It was a great success, with crowds much larger than last year. Every time we participate in events like these, we expose more people to our hobby, and hopefully to the RPA as well!

Last Chance for the Olympic Cover

Did you catch the article in October's *American Philatelist* featuring the Olympic torch run cover? The RPA has one very similar. Simply send a donation to our post office box address listed in the masthead and remember, it's tax deductible! The person making the largest financial contribution to the RPA general funds through December 31 will get it! It will make a great holiday gift for yourself or someone who likes the Olympics!



One Page Exhibit

Point Standings through 11/13/96

Bernice Watson - 16

Iva Austin - 7

Ray Stone - 7

The below cancel will be available until 11/26/96.. send your items to be canceled to the club PO box. Please include SASE. actual cancel below



AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION**Will celebrate 90 years of Christmas Seals!****- and YOU are invited****WHERE & WHEN:****November 22, 1996
Arnot Mall, Elmira
2 p.m. - 8 p.m.****November 23, 1996
Marketplace Mall, Rochester
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.****WHAT:**

Display of Christmas Seal entries from local children
The first Christmas seal reproduced on a cachet
1996 Christmas seals and A.L.A. bookmarks to be given away
Christmas Seal displays

Special Pictorial Cancel Available**COME AND SAY 'HELLO' TO YOUR CHRISTMAS SEAL PEOPLE
and Join in the Celebration!**

Christmas Seal Special Cancel

The local office of the American Lung Association will host a special event to commemorate the 90th year of the Christmas Seal, and has produced a cover with a special cancel.

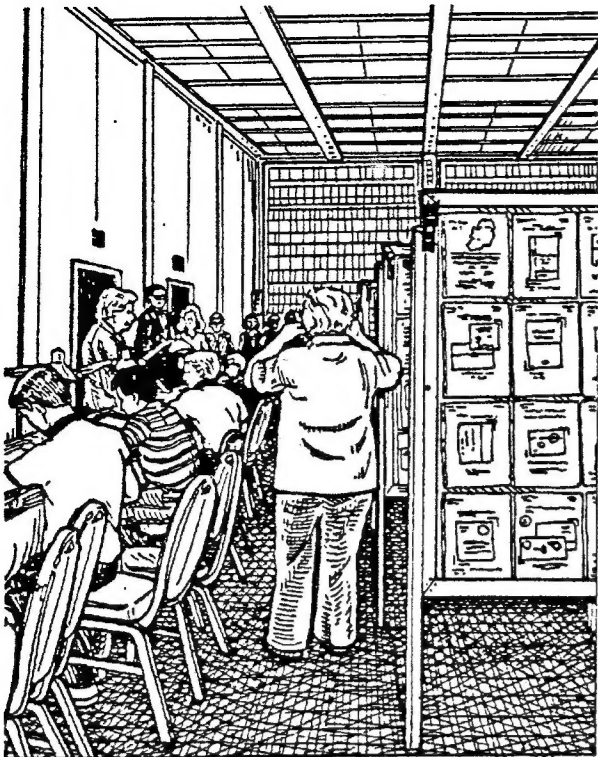
The event will take place Saturday, Nov 23, 1996 at Marketplace Mall from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The day before on Friday, Nov. 22 there will be a similar event at Arnot Mall in Horseheads (Elmira) from 10 am to 4 pm.

The cover, designed for the A.L.A. by our own Joe Doles, features a two-color thermographed replica of the first seal from 1907, and a commemorative cancel on one of the 1996 Christmas postage stamps.

Covers are \$1.50 plus SASE, and may be ordered by contacting Ellen Scalzo, Director of Development, American Lung Association Finger Lakes Region, 1595 Elmwood Avenue, Rochester NY 14620.

All stamp and seal collectors - and anyone else - should try to drop in on the celebration on either date and join in the fun. The ALA teddy bear will be on hand to give out candy canes, a raffle is planned, and the local winners of the Christmas Seal coloring contest will be announced, and the 1996 Christmas seals will be available.



ATTENTION!

ALL RPA MEMBERS

CALL FOR EXHIBITS

ROPEX'97 (March 7-9, 1997) will be trying something new. Frames for members in a noncompetitive section at a reduced frame fee (\$5.00 ea.) No rules to follow. Anything goes! If it's stamps and related items, and you want to show it off.....NOW's your chance. Ask Ada Prill for an entry form. Early application is recommended, as frames are usually filled by years end. The exhibit committee reserves the right to reject any exhibit. Write ROPEX Exhibit Chairperson, 130 Traftagar St. Rochester, NY 14619-1224.

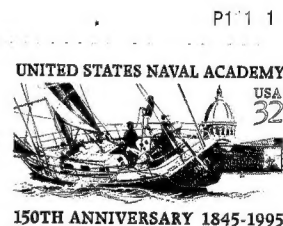
Of course if your interested in conventional exhibiting and judging, you still have time to reserve your frames.

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